

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Forestry	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
PLANT & ANIMAL HEALTH (Respond 'YES' only once to Question 1 thru 4. Cost share for tree planting is NOT available on land that has timber standing present at the batching period deadline, November 15, 2013. Cost share is NOT available for establishing (planting) trees at a rate greater than 726 trees per acre).	
1. Will longleaf pine be established (planted) at a spacing of less than 500 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the planted offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will longleaf pine be established (planted) at a spacing of 501 - 726 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the planted offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will planted pines (any compatible species) be established (planted) at a spacing of less than 500 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will planted pines (any compatible species) be established (planted) at a spacing of less than 501 - 726 trees/ac (planting rate) on the majority of the offered acreage, AND will permanent Firebreaks (394) be maintained according to NRCS standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment area result in the reduction of invasive species (species listed on the Category I List of the Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council List (http://www.fleppc.org/list/list.htm))?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
CONSERVATION PLAN	
1. Does the applicant have a conservation plan at the time of ranking for the resource concerns that will be addressed through this application/contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
1. Has the applicant ever terminated an EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has applicant self-certified as a historically underserved farmer?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does EQIP plan schedule of operations provide for implementation of all funded practices within 3 years or less?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
LOCATION	
1. Does this application pertain to land within 1/2 mile of a protected area such as a National Forest, Military Base, National Wildlife Refuge, State Forest, Heritage Reserve, or land protected by a perpetual conservation easement (e.g. WRP, FRPP, GRP, TNC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Is the field where practices installation will take place located within a state designated priority county? See priority map in the FOTG I(B)(3)Longleaf Pine Priority Areas	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Are the offered acres adjacent to an existing stands containing longleaf pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
EXISTING LONGLEAF PINE (If this criteria is met, answer "YES" to only one of the following questions 1, 2, or 3).	
1. Does 50% or greater of the existing forest acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Does 10 - 49% of the existing forest acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does 0 - 9% of the existing forest acreage consist of Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT OF LONGLEAF PINE (If this criteria is met, answer 'YES' to only one of the following questions 1, 2, or 3).	
1. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 50% or greater of the planned woodland acreage contain predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 10 - 49% of the planned woodland acreage contain predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Once the planned contract is implemented, will 0 - 9% of the planned woodland acreage contain predominately Longleaf Pine?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will longleaf pine be planted at a spacing = 500 trees/ac on the majority of the planted offered acreage?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS	
1. Has the applicant been following a forest management plan within the last 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will Prescribed Burning (338) be scheduled during the contract period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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